

#### **DOCKET NO. 11901-U**

In Re:

Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Concerning Interconnection and Resale Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

### ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

On March 7, 2001, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an order in the above-styled docket. The Commission's order addressed the forty-seven unresolved Issues between the parties. On March 19, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed with the Commission a Motion for Clarification and Reconsideration ("Motion") with respect to Commission determinations on two Issues in its March 7, 2001, order.

The first of the two Issues, Issue 3, involved whether the resale discount should apply to all telecommunication services BellSouth offers to end users regardless of the tariff in which the service is contained. The Commission ordered that "BellSouth is required to offer to MCIW at the resale discount all services that do not meet the definition of exchange access." (Commission Order, p. 4). Further, the Commission directed BellSouth "to classify as a retail service, and offer to MCIW at the resale discount, all services that are not for the purpose of the origination or termination of telephone toll services. *Id.* In its Motion, BellSouth requested that the Commission clarify that the term "services" in this section of the Commission order refers only to telecommunications services. (BellSouth Motion, p. 2). On March 30, 2001, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc. (collectively "MCIW") filed with the Commission a Brief in Response to BellSouth Telecommunications,

Inc.'s Motion for Clarification and Reconsideration ("Response Brief"), which stated that MCIW did not oppose this clarification to the Commission order. (Response Brief, p. 1).

BellSouth's obligation to offer MCIW for resale at wholesale rates applies to any telecommunications service that it provides at retail to subscribers that are not telecommunications carriers. 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(4)(A). Therefore, the Commission grants the clarification sought by BellSouth on Issue 3. The Commission clarifies its order such that the term "services" in Issue 3 of the Commission order refers only to telecommunications services.

BellSouth also requests that the Commission reconsider its decision on Issue 80. Issue 80 involved whether BellSouth should be required to provide an application-to-application access service order inquiry process. The Commission ordered that "[u]ntil BellSouth makes available a tested electronic LSR [Local Service Requests] process, MCIW shall be entitled to order DS1 Combos using the electronic ASR [Access Service Requests] process. (Commission order, p. 23). BellSouth moved for reconsideration on two grounds. First, BellSouth argues that MCIW is not currently ordering DS-1 combos via the ASR process, and that therefore, the Commission should not order that MCIW can continue to do so. In its Response Brief, MCIW rebuts this point by stating that it has used ASRs to order special access circuits, and that special access circuits and DS1 combos are the same thing. (Response Brief, p. 2). Therefore, the Commission does not find BellSouth's first ground for reconsideration persuasive.

BellSouth's second argument is that the relief ordered by the Commission is outside the scope of Issue 80. (Motion, p. 3). MCIW responds that using ASRs to order UNEs, mostly DS1 combos, was acknowledged in the record and briefs of the parties to be within the scope of Issue 80. (Response Brief, pp. 2-3). In fact, MCIW witness, Sherry Lichtenberg, discusses the importance of an application-to-application interface for ordering DS1 combos through ASRs. In summarizing her pre-filed testimony on Issue 80, Ms. Lichtenberg testified as follows:

Issue 80 concerns our request for an application to application pre-ordering interface for access service requests, known as ASRs. We use these ASRs to order, among other things, combinations of DS-1 loops and DS-1 transport as the main local product for our business customers.

(Tr. 289).

In addition, Ms. Lichtenberg states in her pre-filed Rebuttal testimony that MCIW is seeking application-to-application capability for the pre-ordering of local services, mostly DS1 combos. (Lichtenberg Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony, pp. 4-5). Also in the context of Issue 80, MCIW questioned BellSouth's witness, Ronald M. Pate, on ordering DS1 combos.

- Q. ... [H]aving an integratable pre-ordering interface would not do WorldCom a lot of good as a practical matter if we can't use ASRs to order DS-1 combos, correct?
- A. Well, exactly. . .

(Tr. 686-87).

This exchange illustrates that the ability of MCIW to order DS1 combos is central to the dispute. BellSouth did not object to any of the evidence on DS1 combos that was presented as part of Issue 80. The Commission finds that its determination set forth in its March 7, 2001 order was within the scope of the issue presented for its consideration. Accordingly, the Commission denies BellSouth's Motion as it relates to Issue 80.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that BellSouth's Motion as it relates to Issue 3 is granted. The Commission's March 7, 2001, order is hereby clarified such that the term "services" in Issue 3 of the Commission order refers only to telecommunications services.

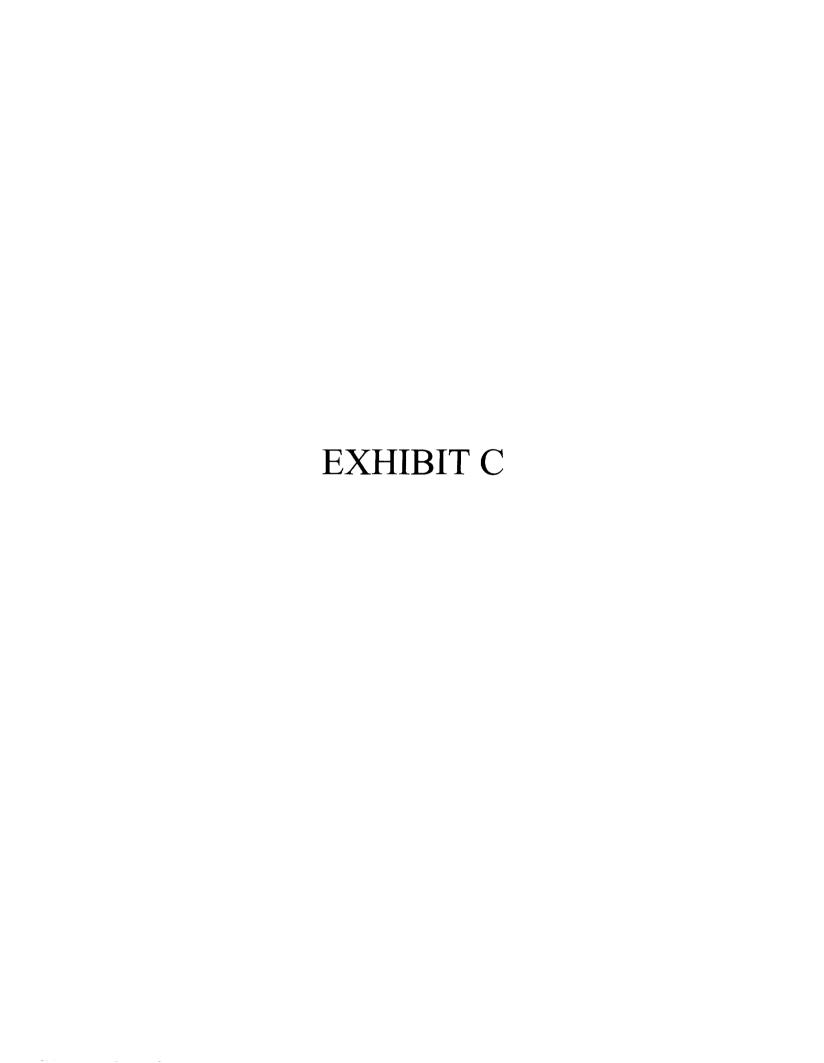
**ORDERED FURTHER**, that BellSouth's Motion as it relates to Issue 80 is hereby denied.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, or oral argument or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the  $17^{\rm th}$  day of April, 2001.

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## **Brian Musselwhite**

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Tom Hyde

Sent:

Friday, August 17, 2001 9:46 AM

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Subject:

Mechanized Ordering for EELs and NSCs

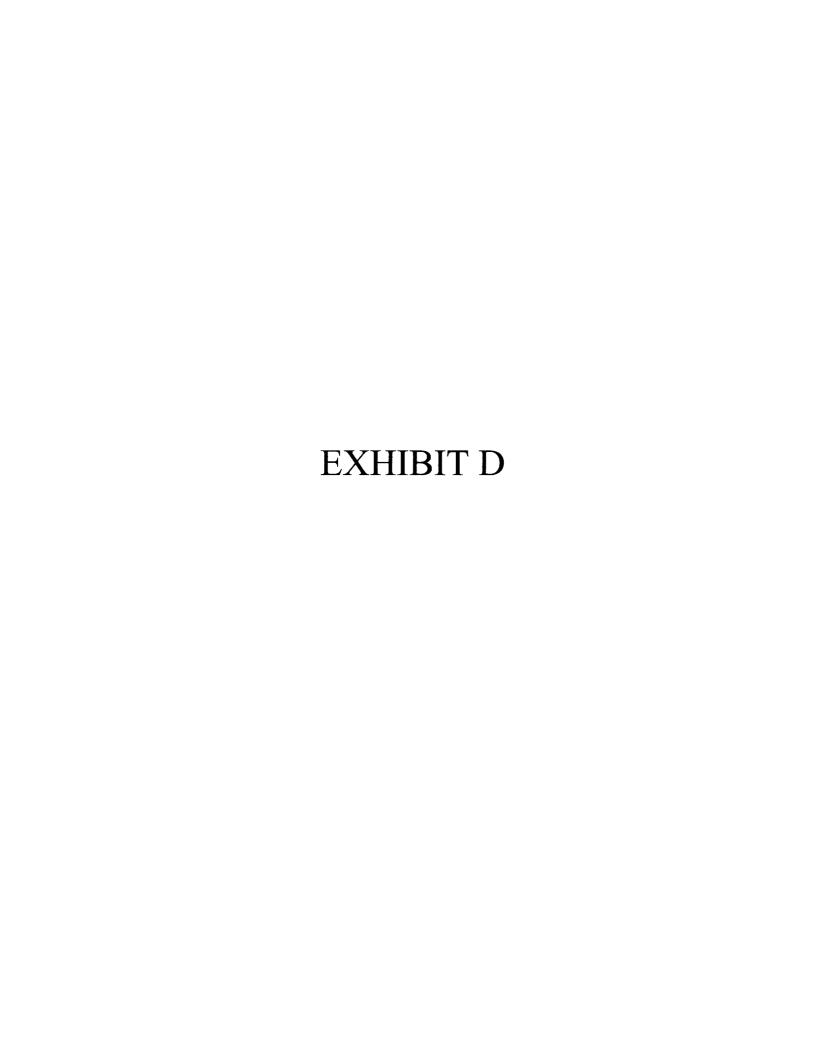
Cbeyond intends to commence mechanized ordering of Enhanced Extended Loops (EEL) and Non-switched Combinations (NSC) using the ASR process as ordered in Georgia Docket 11901-U (see attached). The ASR process will be used on an interim basis until BellSouth can implement the LSR mechanized process. Please furnish the methods and procedures for ordering EEL/NSCs via the ASR process. Please respond immediately with the time frame for furnishing those procedures.



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Subject:



CLECs,

Please see attached clarification letter with regard to the ASR Process for EELS.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Change Management Team

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### CLECs:

The purpose of this letter is to amend a previous letter sent on September 18. 2001, to Tom Hyde of Cbeyond, and copied to all CCP members. The original letter was a response to his questions regarding EELs mechanization. While correct as written, BellSouth is providing this additional information to ensure that carriers understand completely their options for ordering EELs.

In addition to manually submitted Local Service Requests ("LSRs") for EELs (as mentioned in the original letter), and in advance of BellSouth's implementation of the capability to submit electronically LSRs for EELs, an alternative mechanized method is available. It is currently being utilized by MCI pursuant to an order of the Georgia Public Service Commission under terms of MCI's Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth, and can also be made available to other eligible CLECs upon request.

This alternative mechanized method involves the electronic submission of requests for special access services that are the technical equivalent of an EEL via the Access Service Request ("ASR") process normally used by interexchange carriers. BellSouth will manually convert those special access service ASRs to EELs requests, and process them according to standard EELs provisioning policies.

General methods and procedures exist for handling Cl.EC requests for EELs under this alternative method. However, once a CLEC indicates to its BellSouth Account Team its desire to utilize this process, and upon the amendment of the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement to incorporate appropriate language outlining this method, BellSouth requires 30 days to establish methods and procedures specific to that CLEC to ensure proper processing of the ASRs.

One additional note: Although BellSouth's Change Management Team is currently working with a change request for EELs mechanization, the alternative ASR method described herein is not under the purview of the CCP. Please contact your BellSouth Account Team representative for more information on this process, if needed.

Thanks.

Change Management Team

## **BEFORE THE**

## GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition of Cbeyond Communications,	)		
LLC for Expedited Mediation Pursuant	)	Docket No.	
to Section 252(a)(2) of the	)		
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)		

This is to certify that I have served copies of the PETITION OF CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR EXPEDITED MEDIATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 252 (a)(2) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 upon the

following parties of record by first class mail, this 30th day of October, 2001.

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This 30th day of October, 2001.

Charles B. Jones, III